

St. Francis de Sales

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Bulletin for Sunday, March 15, 2026

Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 7:30a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Reconciliation:

at *St. Anthony of Padua*

Wednesday: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Office Hours:

Mon-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Care of the Sick:

Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound on Sundays and the week of First Friday. Arrangements can be made for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Baptism & RCIA:

Call the parish office to register. Diocesan regulations require first time parents to participate in a pre-baptismal instruction class. Adults wishing to become Catholic will be enrolled in the RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Matrimony:

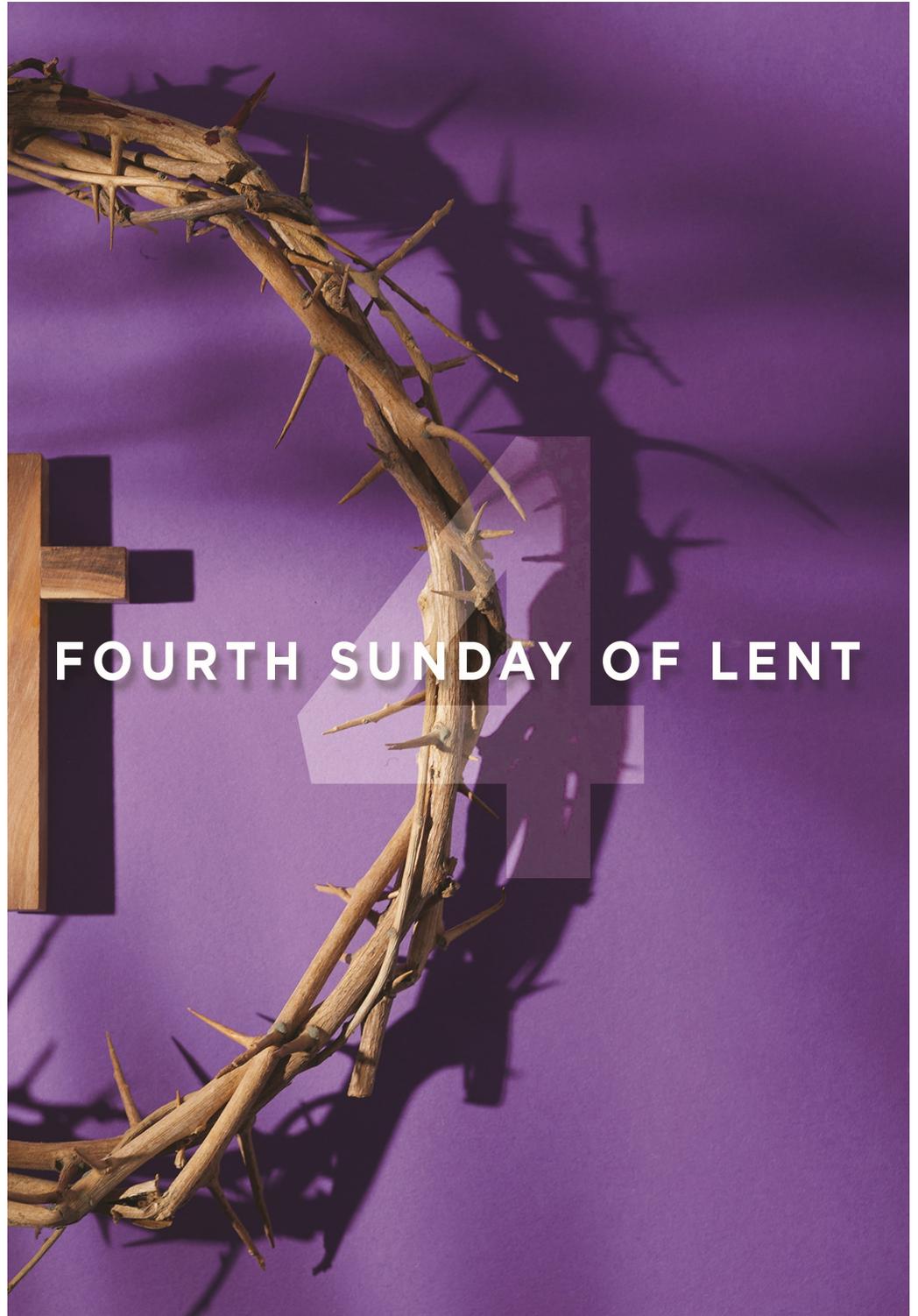
Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Funerals:

Please have the funeral director call the parish office to finalize plans.

Parish Membership:

New parishioners are always welcome! Please call or stop in the parish office to register. Please notify the office if moving, changing address or changing phone number. All parishioners should be receiving offering envelopes to help support the works of the parish.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Parish (Parma, Ohio) was founded in July, 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression. As a Catholic Church community, in keeping with our Baptismal calling, we strive to live the message and model of service of the Lord Jesus. We are committed to being faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, living the sacramental life of the Church, serving the poor and the needy and providing faith formation for all generations. We seek to continue to be a parish community welcoming all, a parish community helping people to grow in faith and a parish community reflecting the love of Christ. (March, 2015)



SUNDAY, March 15
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am *For the People of the Parish*
10:30am †Fred Wisniewski



SUNDAY, March 15

MEET & GREET after Masses
in the De Sales Room
Hosted by: **PSR Teachers & PALS**



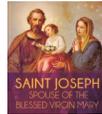
MONDAY, March 16
Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, March 17
Lenten Weekday—Saint Patrick, Bishop



WEDNESDAY, March 18
Lenten Weekday—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

THURSDAY, March 19
SAINT JOSEPH,
SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



FRIDAY, March 20
Lenten Weekday
12 Noon Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY, March 21
Lenten Weekday

SUNDAY, March 22
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30am *For the People of the Parish*
10:30am †Irene & George Tomcheck & John Pressler

MONDAY, March 16

4:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Social Justice
(De Sales Room)

TUESDAY, March 17



WEDNESDAY, March 18

THURSDAY, March 19

11:00am BOOK CLUB
(De Sales Room)



12:30pm LUNCH BUNCH



5:00pm Fish Fry Prep
6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, March 20



Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:30

SATURDAY, March 21

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY
to IRENE EPPLE



In Loving Memory
Margaret M. Dedo
Maria Guerra-Rodgers
Sarah Lucas
(sister of parishioner, Marcy Skalsky)

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., Mar 15	7:30am	George Esner
	10:30am	Dana Juby
Sun., Mar. 22	7:30am	Paul Bruno
	10:30am	Jack DeGeeter

WEEKEND MASSES at
St. Francis and St. Anthony

SATURDAY (Vigil)	4:30 p.m.	St. Anthony
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m.	St. Francis
	9:00 a.m.	St. Anthony
	10:30 a.m.	St. Francis
	12 Noon	St. Anthony

Thoughts from... Fr. Andrew Hoover

King David is as renowned a figure in the Old Testament and the Jewish Tradition as there is. Without the benefit of the scriptures themselves, it would be easy to look at him as a near perfect leader and person. He was a man "after God's own heart," after all, as the Bible tells us. Remembering the rest of what the Bible tells us about David's life, we learn that true greatness is connected to something other than simply being perfect.

King David did many great things in his life, from slaying Goliath to bringing together the Kingdom of Israel, but noteworthy moments of sin include his adultery and pride that leads to punishment of the kingdom for his numbering of the people. There are plenty more as well. The Jewish Tradition also speaks of difficulty in childhood. Not necessarily his particular sinfulness, but the family conditions at the time of his conception and the way he was treated until his anointing as king was more like he was a servant than a son or a brother. That may be why he was out tending the sheep when the rest of the boys were feasting with the prophet. David had problems; his own and those of the people around him to deal with. While he was far from perfect, he was also a man who responded to God's chastisements in a heartfelt and determinate way. When his son Absalom, who was seeking to kill David and take over the kingdom, is killed in battle, David wails over his loss. He who knew such mercy from God, the Father, in his own life laments that he was unable to share such mercy with his own son.

King David's legacy and example is a complex one. He demonstrates that holiness is not simply that we do all the right things, but that our hearts are responsive to God's grace and mercy when we fail. As well, in a world that is quick to write people off when they make a mistake or fail, not that everyone is like King David, but it might be worth simply considering if someone who has fallen could possibly be a man or woman after God's own heart.

I do hope you take some time today to "rejoice" in this midpoint of Lent. I really have begun to appreciate the details of the liturgical seasons a little more in this season of my own life. This weekend is a moment of encouragement that you will make it to the end! You will make it to Easter, you will make it to the Kingdom, and it will be glorious! God get yourself a donut! Thank goodness today is the monthly Meet & Greet social!

Last Sunday, I attended the Holy Name Society's annual Awards & Wife's Appreciation Dinner. Congratulations to the HNS men who received this year's awards:

Man of The Year: **Bruce Drotleff**

Service Award: **Ron Koprowski**

Continuous Service Award: **Jim Coller**

Continuous Service Award: **Chris Bender**

Special Courage Award: **Bob Piatak**

Peace, Fr. Andrew

MEET & GREET



Coffee & Donuts

Join us at our monthly social **THIS Sunday, Mar. 15th**, after each of the morning Masses. Come to the De Sales Room for light refreshments and a time of fellowship with other parishioners and visitors to the parish. (The P.A.L.S.'s Group and PSR teachers will host this month's social.)



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please review our Prayer List, first, to pray for them, and second, to ensure that your name is not on it if you are healthy again! Many times we are asked to add someone to the list. But, when he/she has returned to good health, we are not called again to take them off the list. Please call the Parish Office (440-884-2319) if we need to add or take someone off the Prayer/Sick List.



Sr. John Albert Thiry	Donald Karpus	Peggy Riegelmayr
Joseph Amata	Shirley Kazimer	Theresia Ries
Anthony Baczewski	Thomas Kasper	Michael Repko
Jim Bartkiewicz	Steve Kiss-Benke Sr.	Maria Rizzo
Bob Bednarik	Amiya Kirry	Thomas Sabados
Sharon Bednarik	Bonnie Kosakowski	Lillian Salwan
Cindy Bonadio	Louis Kovach	Thomas Sammon
Joan Carpenter	Colson Kruszynski	David Sanicki
Charlotte Casselberry	Karen Kuczyn	Susan Sarota
Laura Collins	Marlene Lang	Don Schervish
Kathye Coffey	Anthony Lavigna	Thomas Schervish
George Cooper	Jim Leggott	Barbara Scott
Josephine Czarnecki	Anna Massitti	Ed Simko
Vittoria DeBiasi	Wayne Matlus	Susan Sliva
Carl Drotleff	Linda Menko	Ed Smetanka
Rosalie Duray	Tom Miller	Marianne Stefanik
Irene Epple	Tim Murray	Fred Stillwell
Fr. Tim Gareau	Lois Osborne	Julian Teul
Geraldine Glatzer	Chris Otcasek	Kenny Tomecko
Adeline Greene	Veronica Otcasek	Tony Tomecko
Dave Gyurco	Tina Panlillio	Sandra Valtman
Loretta Homick	Elaine Perek	Kathy Vacca
Maryann Howard	Gary Piatak	Tony Vacca
Dorothy Inman	Verne Pfeifer	Pat Weston
Jeanette Jozity	Chuck Polomsky	
Anna Kaminsky	Brad Presley	

Easter Flower Collection

The annual collection for our Easter Flowers will be taken next Sunday, March 22nd. These monies are used by the parish to purchase flowers and other items needed to make a beautiful environment in our church for Easter & the Easter Season. Your generous donations help to make our church a beautiful place of worship for Easter. Thank you!



ALL are invited...
to a Luncheon with the
SFDS "Lunch Bunch"
THIS Thursday, Mar. 19th
at **GOODY's Restaurant**

Lunch will be at **12:30 P.M.** Thursday, March 19th, at **Goody's Family Restaurant**, 16333 Snow Road, in Brookpark. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, March 17th** by calling the Parish Office at **440-884-2319**. Please join us!

This is a Dutch Treat & ALL ARE WELCOME!
Please Remember to **RSVP!** (440-884-2319)



SFDS Social Justice NEWS



As we prepare ourselves spiritually during Lent, we look forward to your support of our food drive. This week we are suggesting *Body Wash and Shampoo* to fill the pantry. We appreciate your help with this or any non-perishable food item.

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

Please join us at our next Social Justice meeting:

THIS Monday, March 16th at 7 P.M. (De Sales Rm.)

New members are always welcome to join us!



St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society 50/50 Raffle



The winners of the *LUCK of the IRISH* 50/50 Raffle are:

- 1st Prize - \$500, Winner: *Sandy Esner* (#079)
- 2nd Prize - \$300, Winner: *Virginia Rybicki* (#030)
- 3rd Prize - \$200, Winner: *Pat Bruno* (#056)

Congratulations to our Winners!!!

Tickets for HNS' last 50/50 Raffle of 2025 "SET FOR LIFE", are NOW available.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available for purchase from HNS Members or at the Parish Office (440-884-2319).

Only 100 tickets are sold, so your odds are very good!

St. Francis De Sales Website

In the next few weeks, you will notice some changes to our website (stfrancisdesales-church.org). The company that publishes our bulletins, Liturgical Publications Inc., LPI, also hosts our website and provides the tools (software) to update it. We are reviewing the "new & improved" website and making some changes before it's rolled out. **Note:** LPI is able to provide our bulletins & website at NO cost to St. Francis thanks to the companies that advertise in our bulletin. Please check out these businesses when you're looking for products & services!

WE NEED BAKERS!

We are looking for bakery donations for our Fish Fry Bake Sale.

If you are interested in baking, please call the parish office or see the SFDS website for the link to sign up. We ask all bakers to please sign up in advance to help us plan and keep a well stocked bake sale.

Thank you!

440-884-2319

stfrancisdesales-church.org



YOU are invited to... Holy Thursday Supper 5:30 P.M. in the Cafeteria



Please join us for the Fellowship Meal before the **Holy Thursday Services on April 2nd**. We begin at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Meat, bread, wine, and coffee, are provided. You are asked to bring along a side dish: pasta/potato, hot vegetable, salad or veggie tray, dessert to be shared by others. **PLEASE READ THE FLIER (by the Church entrances) FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEAL.** There is a response request at the bottom of the flier that we would like you to fill out. We need to know the number attending so that we can purchase sufficient food. ... **P.A.L.S.**

always THANKFUL

Many thanks to all who participated in the Lenten Talk this past Saturday. This would not have happened without **Father Hoover** who graciously filled in for our scheduled speaker, Sr. Mary Ann Flannery. Thank you to all you helped set up: **Rita Staneszewski, Patty Kaczmarek, Irene Panlillio, AND... ALL who helped with clean-up! YOU are the BEST!**

... **Mary Therese**

High School & Junior High Teens...

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Only TWO more SFDS Lenten Fish Fries! We could use your help! If you are interested, please call the Parish Office & let us know when you can work. Call: **440-884-2319** ☺



OR, go to our website stfrancisdesales-church.org and sign up under "**Volunteers Needed**"! **THANK YOU!!!**

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



Saint Francis de Sales



CONFESSIONS

Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 29, at 3:00 P.M.
at St. Anthony of Padua Church

Individual Confession

Monday, March 30: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
at St. Francis de Sales Church

PALM SUNDAY, March 29

Masses at: 7:30 & 10:30 A.M

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2

Morning Prayer at 8:45 A.M.
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 P.M.
(Adoration until 9:00 P.M.)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

Morning Prayer at 8:45 A.M.
Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon
Liturgy of the Passion at 5:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

Morning Prayer at 8:45 A.M.
Food Blessing at 1:30 P.M.
Easter Vigil Mass at St. Anthony at 9:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

Masses at: 7:30 & 10:30 A.M

**You are invited to participate
in CRS Operation Rice Bowl!**



You can still participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Our parish is has participated for many years. This Lenten program as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in the world. **Rice Bowls are available near the glass doors/parking lot doors.** Use this easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. **Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese,** supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$320 million. For more Rice Bowl information, go to: www.crsricebowl.org

If you wish to send cards to either:

**Sr. Annette ... Sister Annette Amendolia, SND or
Sr. John Albert, Sister Mary John Albert Thiry, SND**

**Sisters of Notre Dame
13000 Auburn Road
Chardon, OH 44024-9337**

Everyday Stewardship



Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

...Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

The Pope's March Prayer Intention For Disarmament And Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Bringing up the Gifts



If the Mass you are attending is being offered for **an intention you requested**, it would be very appropriate for you and other family members to bring up the gifts (cruet of wine and bowl of hosts) during the Presentation of the Gifts at that Mass. **If you would like to bring up the gifts, please talk to one of the ushers when you come for Mass (early) and let them know.** The usher will then give you instructions on when to bring the gifts forward.



Anointing of the Sick

This week the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at the following parish Masses here in Parma / Parma Hts.

- ⇒ **Tuesday, March 17 – St. John Bosco (7:30 A.M.)**
- ⇒ **Thursday, March 19 – St. Columbkille (8:15 A.M.)**

If you wish to send Fr. Peyton a card ...

**Rev. Mark Peyton
Regina Health Center
5232 Broadview Road
Richfield, OH 44286**

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Francis de Sales 2026 Fish Fry

Sponsored by the St. Francis de Sales Parish
~ **ONLY TWO MORE FRIDAYS** ~
(EXCLUDES Good Friday)
Hours: 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Dine-In Menu - All You Can Eat!

Please enter through the "Fish Fry" entrance from the parking lot.

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| * Fish (Baked Cod) | * Apple Sauce |
| * Pierogis' | * Cole Slaw |
| * French Fries | * Roll & Butter |
| * Cabbage & Noodles | * Coffee |
| * Mac & Cheese | * Lemonade |

Dine-In Prices: \$20.00 - Adults
\$19.00 - Seniors
\$10.00 - Children

Carry-Out Menu Carry Out Price: 17.00

Please enter through the double glass doors at the back of the Main Church for Carry-Out orders.

- * Choice of 2 Fish & 3 Pierogies, **OR** 6 Pierogies
 - * Choice of Cabbage & Noodles, **OR** Mac & cheese
- PLUS: * French Fries * Apple Sauce
 * Cole Slaw * Roll & Butter

NOTE: "All You Can Eat" applies to Dine-In Only



** "KID'S CARRY-OUT"
ONLY \$9.00
(1 Fish **OR** 2 Pierogies)

- * **Special Entrance for Carry-Out ***
- Enter through the **GLASS DOORS** to the **CHURCH**
- * **Now Accepting Credit Card Payment ***

Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA) CCA One-Year Anniversary Mass

The one-year anniversary of a loved one's death can be a very difficult time. For this reason, we remember the faithful departed entrusted to our care with a Mass celebrated on or near the *feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th)*, our intercessor for a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year, Mass intentions will be offered at three local parishes, allowing families to select a Mass location & time that is most convenient for them.

- ✠ Wednesday, March 18th 5:00pm -
Holy Spirit Church, 4341 E. 131st St, Garfield Hts
- ✠ Thursday, March 19th 8:30am -
St. Bridget of Kildare, 5620 Hauserman, Parma
- ✠ Thursday, March 19th 12:00pm -
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
(livestreamed), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland

St. Francis de Sales - 440-884-2319

Fr. Andrew Hoover.....Parish Administrator
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Grief Support Meeting

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly *Grief Support* groups in **two formats: In-Office (3pm) and Virtually via Zoom (5pm)**. The next Grief Support sessions are **THIS Sunday, March 15th**. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topics are "*Spring, Easter, & Grief: Times of Sacred Transition*" and "*The Loss of a Sibling*".

All are welcome. Come find comfort, understanding, and hope in a caring community.

We will meet from **3-4:00 P.M.** in the main office at the following locations.

- ⇒ Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Road
- ⇒ All Saints Cemetery, 480 W.Highland, Northfield
- ⇒ Saint Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon

Register for **5-6pm Virtual Grief Support meeting:**
<http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact **Renee** (number below).

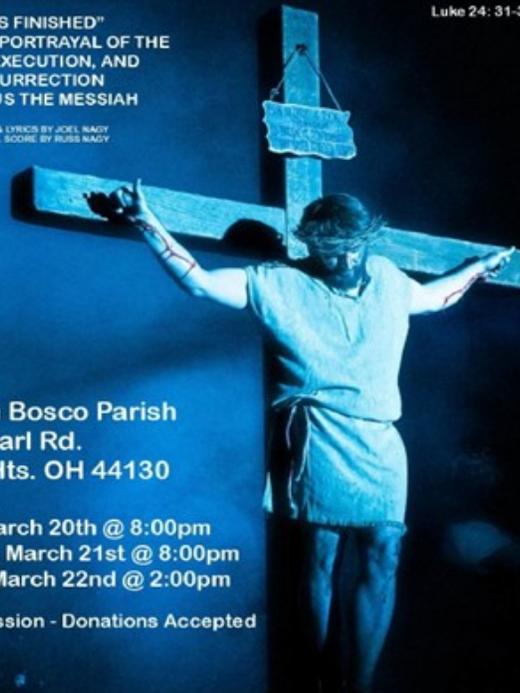
Your **RSVP** for both *In-Person* and *Virtual Grief Support* is appreciated but **not** required to attend.
If you have questions, contact: **Renee: 216-930-4866**

TETELESTAI

Luke 24: 31-32

"IT IS FINISHED"
A MUSICAL PORTRAYAL OF THE
TRIAL, EXECUTION, AND
RESURRECTION
OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

SCRIPT & LYRICS BY JOEL NAGY
MUSICAL SCORE BY RUSS NAGY



St. John Bosco Parish
6480 Pearl Rd.
Parma Hts. OH 44130

Friday, March 20th @ 8:00pm
Saturday, March 21st @ 8:00pm
Sunday, March 22nd @ 2:00pm

Free Admission - Donations Accepted

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